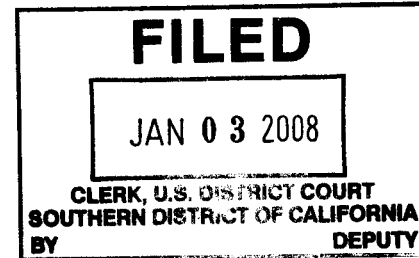


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| 11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | Magistrate Case No. 07MJ2924 |
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| 12 Plaintiff, |) | |
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| 13 v. |) | STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT |
| |) | MOTION FOR RELEASE OF |
| 14 BLAS LOPEZ-CASTRO, |) | MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND |
| |) | <u>ORDER THEREON</u> |
| 15 Defendant. |) | |
| |) | |
| |) | (Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program) |

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17 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES
18 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and W. Mark
19 Conover, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant BLAS LOPEZ-CASTRO, by and through
20 and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, John C. Ellis, Esq., Federal Defenders of San
21 Diego, Inc., that:

22 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing
23 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,
24 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead
25 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count
26 of Transportation of Aliens and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)
27 and (v)(II).

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before **January 17, 2008**.

6 4. The material witness, Lucila Martinez-Mota, in this case:

7 a. Is an alien with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

8 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
9 December 17, 2007;

10 c. Was found in a vehicle driven by defendant near San Clemente, California and
11 that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that she was an aliens with no lawful
12 right to enter or remain in the United States;

13 d. Was paying an undisclosed amount of money to defendant or to others to be
14 brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to her destination therein; and,

15 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
16 Security for return to her country of origin.

17 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this
18 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any
19 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding,
20 including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

21 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
22 substantive evidence;

23 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
24 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such testimony
25 shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements against interest
26 of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

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1 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
 2 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
 3 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
 4 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

5 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
 6 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
 7 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
 8 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

9 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
 10 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
 11 Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

12 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

13 Respectfully submitted,

14 KAREN P. HEWITT
 15 United States Attorney

16 Dated: 12/9/08


 17 W. MARK CONOVER
 Assistant United States Attorney

18 Dated: 12/27/07


 19 JOHN C. ELLIS
 Defense Counsel for Blas Lopez-Castro

20 Dated: 12/27/07


 21 BLAS LOPEZ-CASTRO
 22 Defendant

ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to her country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 1/3/08.

W. McElwaine
United States Magistrate Judge